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II. SHIPS EMPLOYED ON ESCORT DUTY (including H.M.C. Local Craft and Auxiliary Vessels)

1. New Construction of R.C.N. Ships and Vessels, week ended 17th May

Launchings : Ships - Nil  
 Commissionings: Ships - 2 - M.L. 095 on 12th May at Midland.  
 M.L. 091 on 17th May at Toronto.  
 Local Craft and Auxiliary Vessels - 1

2. Total R.C.N. Vessels in Commission, 17th May

Destroyers	15
Corvettes	74
Minesweepers	58
Motor Launches	51
Base Supply Ships	2
Total Ships	200
Patrol Craft and Auxiliary Vessels	373
Total Vessels	<u>573</u>

3. Escort Ships in Operation and Under Repair

The following table shows the average number and percentage of H.M.C. Escort Ships and H.M. and Allied Vessels under the administrative and operational orders of R.C.N. Authorities which have been in Service and under repair during the past two weeks.

	<u>Week ended 10th May</u>		<u>Week ended 17th May</u>	
	<u>No. of Es-</u> <u>cort Ships</u>	<u>Per-</u> <u>centage</u>	<u>No. of Es-</u> <u>cort Ships</u>	<u>Per-</u> <u>centage</u>
Ready for Service	181	78.0	183	78.5
Refitting or Re- pairing over 7 days	52	22.0	50	21.5
	233	100.0	233	100.0
New Construction Working Up	<u>1</u>		<u>3</u>	

NOTE: "Ready for Service" includes ships' boiler cleaning or repairing not over 7 days.

III. CONVOYS

The following table summarises the convoy sailings during the two weeks ended 15th May in whose protection the R.C.N. participated. The Canadian coastal convoys were pro-

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